

ABSTRACT

A hologram reproducing apparatus is provided that can be reduced in size. A hologram reproducing apparatus of the invention reproduces signal information from a recorded media having a domain of diffraction grating that is irradiated with a record light beam containing a coherent reference light component and a signal light component spatially modulated according to the signal information substantially on the same optical axis and is recorded an interference of the reference light component and the signal light component. The hologram reproducing apparatus comprises a light source for emitting a coherent light beam, a light-beam irradiator for irradiating the light beam to the domain of diffraction grating of the recording medium, a light collector for collecting a reproduced light beam reproduced by irradiating the light beam to the domain of diffraction grating toward a convergent position, an incident-light processing unit provided at the convergent position and for separating a Fourier 0-order component of the reproduced light beam and a diffraction light component of the reproduced light beam, and a detecting section for detecting the signal information from the diffraction component.